

1. Name: Elmer School
2. Planning Area/Site Number: 16/19 3. M-NCPPC Atlas Reference: Map 11
H-3
4. Address: Club Hollow Road, Dickerson
5. Classification Summary
- | | | | |
|--------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|---|
| Category | <u>building</u> | Previous Survey Recording | <u>M-NCPPC</u> |
| Ownership | <u>private</u> | Title and Date: | <u>Inventory of Historical</u> |
| Public Acquisition | <u>NA</u> | | <u>Sites - 1976</u> |
| Status | <u>unoccupied</u> | | |
| Accessible | <u>no</u> | Federal | <u>State</u> <u>X</u> <u>County</u> <u>X</u> <u>Local</u> |
| Present use | <u>other: unused</u> | | |
6. Date: 1909-10 7. Original Owner: Montgomery County School Board
8. Apparent Condition
- a. deteriorated b. unaltered c. original site
9. Description: This three bay by two bay, one and a half story frame school house is set back from the road facing northwest. The exterior walls are covered by unpainted clapboards. Three poured concrete steps on the northwest elevation lead up to the front door (now missing). The two-over-two double-hung windows are arranged in single, double, and quadruple groupings. The gable roof has a raised seam metal covering.
10. Significance: Elmer School was an important community institution for white families of the Edwards and White's Ferry area from 1865 until its closing in 1931.
- The names Elmer, Edwards' Ferry and Oak Hill were all applied to the same school. Local tradition dates the school in operation as early as 1859, before the establishment of public schools in the County. The first school, a single room building of 22'x20', operated until 1892 when a new and larger school was built. This school burned down between 1907 and 1909. A third school building was built in 1910, larger than its predecessors, serving 45 children in grades 1-9. There was a stable near the spring to house the teacher's horse. The school operated until 1930-31, when it was closed and its pupils consolidated with those in Poolesville. The abandoned building was sold in 1933 to John J. Umstead, and remained in the Umstead family until 1974.
- Researcher and date researched: Tamar Hoewing - 2/79 Candy Reed Arch. Description
12. Compiler: Gail Rothrock 13. Date Compiled: 2/79 14. Designation Approval
15. Acreage: 1 acre

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Elmer School/Edward's Ferry School/Oak Hill School

AND/OR COMMON

Elmer School**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Club Hollow Road -- two miles NW of Edward's Ferry

CITY, TOWN

DickersonX VICINITY OFEdward's Ferry8

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED☒ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☒ OTHER: unused**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Ted R. LingoTelephone #: 428-8180

STREET & NUMBER

Box 191

CITY, TOWN

Poolesville☐ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 20837**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.Montgomery County CourthouseLiber #: 554Folio #: 436

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

MNCPPC Inventory of Historical Sites

DATE

1976☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☒ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDSPark Historian's Office

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland 20855

7 DESCRIPTION

12.6-3

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT ☒ DETERIORATED
☐ GOOD ☐ RUINS
☐ FAIR ☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED
☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This three bay by two bay, one and a half story frame school house is set back from the road facing northwest. It is in poor condition and is overgrown.

Built on fieldstone foundations, the exterior walls are covered by unpainted clapboards. On the northwest elevation three poured concrete steps lead up to an open door way (the door is missing). The door frame has a single light transom. A shed-roofed hood extends out over the doorway. There is a doorway on the southwest elevation. The schoolhouse has two-over-two double-hung windows arranged in single, double, and quadruple groupings. The gable roof has raised seam metal covering. There is an exterior stove chimney on the southeast elevation.

The northwest (front) door opens into a entry way and cloakroom. Southeast of this is a single large classroom with windows on the northeast and southeast walls. The shadow remains of the blackboard are visible on the southwest and northwest walls. There is tongue and groove wainscotting around the classroom. Above the wainscotting is pressed metal wall and ceiling covering. The floors are narrow hardwood boards. Although the doors are missing, the simply molded door frames remain.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

See Attachment Sheet B

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY one acre

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Candy Reed

Tamar HoewingArchitectural Description

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Sugarloaf Regional Trails2/79

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

Box 87926-4510

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

DickersonMaryland

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Annapolis, Maryland 20701
(301) 241-1438~~

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Box 87, Shorhold
Dickerson, Md. 20753
(301) 926-4510

In June 1910 the School Board approved \$600 for the construction of a third building on that site. This was much like the earlier one, even to having a pot-belly coal stove and a raised curved stage at the front of the classroom. It was larger than its predecessors, however, serving on the average 45 children in grades one through nine. There was a stable near the spring to house the teacher's horse and the rare horse ridden by a student. Most children walked, in some cases, up to five miles each way. "Once in a while some children might hook a dog cart up to a horse for transportation; it was easier on the feet and much more interesting."⁴ The older children who made it to Poolesville for further education were considered to be moving up the ladder because they could ride to school on horses. The older children occasionally would drop the younger ones at Elmer School and ride on.

School was from 9 to 4 with two fifteen minute breaks and one hour break; there was one break in the morning, one afternoon lunch break which lasted an hour, and one in the later part of the day. Some popular games were the girls playing ball against the boys, hide and seek, a game called Black Dog (comparable to chase), London Fog, Farmer in the Dell and other typical games. Of course, during the mid-noon recess the children would eat their lunches that they had carried to school in tin buckets. The old bell told the children when school and recess began and ended. The teacher would teach one grade or class at a time while the others studied or while the older children helped the younger with their studies.

Reciting and some types of punishments took place on the large round stage in front of the classroom which both schools had. Punishments commonly used for misbehaving were standing in the corner up on the stage, kneeling on broomhandles for a set period of time, a sharp whip on the hand, sticking your head under the black board ledge or maybe the lunchpail table, which was table in the rear of the room for the children to place their lunches on.

ne informant recalls that quite a few times while one child had his head under the lunchpail table other students would stick him with a pin, thereby upsetting all the lunches and being punished again.

The course of studies included spelling, math, reading, geography, history, English and physics for the older grades. Two children would sit at one desk. Some children, particularly the grown young men, would go to school until harvest or planting time and drop out for a while to help with the farm work. The students used slate boards to do their work.

At the spring, sometimes the children would bring milk from local cows and use the spring to make "cream" or "skim milk" by leaving the milk in cans and setting them in the spring water. The milk would then separate into the milk and cream substance on top which they would "skim" off. Two children would go down to fetch water for the other children to drink during class time. They would drink water from a coconut shell, and had a water bench inside with water to drink or wash with. Box socials, spelling bees, and church services were gatherings held in the schools.

Elmer School was an important community focal point for white families of the Edward and White's Ferry area. This school operated until 1930-31, when it was closed and its pupils consolidated with those in Poolesville; this period of consolidation coincides with the availability of better transportation -- in the form of the horse-drawn school bus. The abandoned building was sold on February 14, 1933 to John J. Umstead for \$100.⁵ The building remained in the Umstead family for many years, coming to the present owner as part of a larger parcel in 1974.

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Elmer School/Edward's Ferry School/Oak Hill School

FOOTNOTES:

- 1 E. Guy Jewell, "Schools That Were", unpublished manuscript at Montgomery County Historical Society (1973).
- 2 Land Records of Montgomery County, Md. JA 29/283 (recorded October 8, 1891).
- 3 Montgomery County Sentinel, August 26, 1892.
- 4 Interview with George Butler, Poolesville, former student.
- 5 Land Records, op. cit., 554/436.

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Land Records of Montgomery County, Maryland.

Jewell, E. Guy, "Schools That Were", unpublished manuscript at Montgomery County Historical Society (1973).

Interviews:

Mr. George Butler, Poolesville, Md.
Mrs. Mary Silkworth, Westminster, Md.
Miss Mamie Fry, Buckeystown, Md.
Mrs. Louise Shoemaker, Beallsville, Md.
(all former students)

Elmer School/Edward's Ferry School/Oak Hill School



First Elmer School



From Left to Right

Front Row: George Brunner, Fannie Poole, Betty Spates,
Flora Hyatt (Teacher), Elizabeth Oxley,
Maurice Oxley

Second Row: John Oxley, Malista Brunner, (?), Beatrice Shry,
Mary Shry, Mamie Fry, Eugene Fawley

Third Row: Harry Fawley, Maggie Fry, Nannie Spates, Helen Fawley

Back Row: (?), Gilbert Oxley, Thomas Oxley, William Shry,
Lawrence Fry

NOMINATION FORM
for the
REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

HISTORIC: Elmer School			
LOCATION: Club Hollow Road			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN:			
STATE: Maryland		COUNTY: Montgomery	
CLASSIFICATION			
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Ruins</div>
OWNER OF PROPERTY			
OWNER'S NAME:			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN:			
STATE:			
LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION			
HOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:			
Courthouse, Montgomery County			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN:			
STATE:			
Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):			
LOCATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS			
SURVEY RECORDS:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local			
STATE:			

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The building is a one-story frame structure with clapboard siding. It has a school room with a long, narrow cloak room running along one flank. There is an entrance in the south gable end and through the west cloakroom wall. Interior walls and ceilings are patterned tin.

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II. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Pre-Columbian

☐ 16th Century

☐ 18th Century

☒ 20th Century

☐ 15th Century

☐ 17th Century

☐ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal

☐ Prehistoric

☐ Historic

☐ Agriculture

☐ Architecture

☐ Art

☐ Commerce

☐ Communications

☐ Conservation

☐ Education

☐ Engineering

☐ Industry

☐ Invention

☐ Landscape

☐ Architecture

☐ Literature

☐ Military

☐ Music

☐ Political

☐ Religion/Phi-

losophy

☐ Science

☐ Sculpture

☐ Social/Human-

itarian

☐ Theater

☐ Transportation

☐ Urban Planning

☐ Other (Specify)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

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LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:	
Christopher Owens, Park Historian	
ORGANIZATION	DATE
MNCPPC	25 Sept 73
STREET AND NUMBER:	
8787 Georgia Avenue	
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE
Silver Spring	Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature _____

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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

See correspondence dated June 12, 1984

ACTION TAKEN

The following sites have been reviewed and found not suitable for regulation under the Historic Preservation Ordinance. Those sites also listed on the Locational Atlas will no longer be subject to regulation under the Moratorium on Alteration and Demolition.

Site No.

10/2		23/70
10/9		23/98-1
10/11		24/12
10/22		24/14
10/25		24/15
10/54	<u>Site No.</u>	25/1
10/71		25/10-1
10/73	15/68	27/5
	15/69	27/7
10/74	16/19	
11/8	*17/4	*27/11
12/14-1	17/55	*27/13
12/16	18/1	28/15
12/26	18/9	28/26
	18/22	30/3
13/15	18/27	30/7
13/16	18/29-1	30/9
13/28	19/8	30/15
13/32	19/18	30/17
	19/20	30/19
14/1	20/6	31/9
14/15	20/14	33/3
14/18	20/27	33/5
14/19	22/5	33/11
14/23	22/6-1	*34/1
14/30	22/18	*34/9
14/31	22/21	
14/40	22/22	
14/48	22/23	
14/54	22/24	
15/10	23/13	
15/11		
15/18		
*15/62		

Site No.

35/6
36/9
*37/4

*Recommended for designation by the Mont. Co. Historic Preservation Commission.

**These sites were previously considered by the County Council and found not to warrant regulation under the Historic Preservation Ordinance. They are listed here to bring the functional Master Plan in conformance with Council's actions.